

JOHN BOND



John Bond was the son of Stephen Bond and Sarah Clark (emigrants from England in 1855 and 1860—who settled in Heber in 1865), was born July 29, 1871, in a one-room log house with a dirt roof built of green cottonwood logs, which was built in one day with the help of settlers. He worked at herding cows in the hills north of town for themselves and neighbors for 2 cents per day for a number of years, doing odd jobs, gleaned wheat, etc., for feed for themselves and their chickens and pigs.

His father died December 28, 1875, leaving his mother with six children (four boys and two girls.) Father died of pneumonia from exposure as guard in the Black Hawk Indian War. He attended school beginning at eight years of age.

He worked as a boy on Heber Moulton's farm for three years. Then he learned the photography trade in Wm. Willes studio for one year at \$30. per month. Next he worked in Mark Jeffs store as delivery boy, clerk, and bookkeeper. It was there he met his wife Mary E. Jeffs, who also was a clerk. They were married in the Marti Temple by Anton H. Lund on May 24, 1892. He continued to work in the store and built the red sandstone house at about 55 E. 2nd No. St., in Heber, with the help of his wife, in 1892.

Henry Ald told him he thought he could pass the State Teachers Examinations and teach school, thus giving him the opportunity to get better wages. He did so and taught in Heber one year for \$40. per month. Wallburg offered him \$60, so he taught there two years in a one-room log

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school house with 100 pupils enrolled, including two of the Trustees.

He was called to serve a mission in 1895 for the LDS Church to the Southern States, where he worked without purse or script until April 1898. Mary came in 1897 and spent five months as a missionary. After coming home, he went east and learned undertaking and embalming. On returning home, he practiced this trade until 1907, when he moved to Duchesne and homesteaded 160 acres. He stayed one year, and because Mary's health failed, they moved to Salt Lake City. He worked in Heber City as a carpenter for 10 years during which time he built the Heber High School of pot rock stone which Mark Jeffs had contracted.

He moved to Mesa, Arizona, in 1917 with his wife and eight children, and worked as building contractor and artist. Mary died from a stroke November 12, 1946. Children: John Wallace, Orvilla, Gladys, Velda, LeRoy, Emma, Mark, Ted, and Ila.

In 1947, he married Ezell Stephenson, a widow of Holden, Utah, who had four children, two boys and two girls. He served on state Sunday School Board and as Ward Chorister for a number of years. *p. 276*